



Quarry on Highway 58 Concern
Nancy Greene to: mwilson

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Mr. Murry Wilson
Department of Planning and Building
976 Osos Street, Room 300
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

RE: QUARRY ON HIGHWAY 58 -- COMMENTS

Dear Mr. Wilson:

The significant permanent damage done to our community of Santa Margarita and to the scenic nature of Highway 58 by this quarry cannot be overemphasized. This proposed quarry will bring about the destruction of a village that has enjoyed a long and bucolic history - a history that deserves to be preserved, and families that deserve to continue with their lives in the place they call home. If permitted we know a few things for sure: there will be blasting, habitat and wildlife destruction, exhaust, truck noise, and horrendous traffic every day of the week. I know you are tasked with the planning and protection of our community and I ask you to see this quarry as a careless overreach by the Las Pilitas permit applicants.

Our ranch lies on the other side of the quarry from Santa Margarita, and so we will need to pass the quarry every single time we head to town, or to the 101, or to San Luis Obispo. Now, instead of rolling hills and fresh country air, we will be driving behind noisy, filthy, huge, gravel trucks spewing exhaust and dirt. It will seriously damage our property value and undermine what we love about Santa Margarita.

I know the California Environmental Protection Agency, Air Resources Board, has an emission regulation system in place for heavy diesel trucks.

"Diesel trucks with a GVWR more than 14,000 lbs. that are owned by private or federal fleets must reduce exhaust emissions by meeting particulate matter filter requirements and upgrading to 2010 model year or newer engines." (www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/ordiesel/documents)

I was wondering who would be monitoring the Las Pilitas trucks to ascertain whether they are complying with the emission requirements. With this vast number of trucks rumbling and idling throughout our small community and exposing us all to their fumes and dirt, will they be contractually obligated to monitor these emissions in order to acquire the permit they're requesting? Can an organization who obviously doesn't value our lifestyle or our community be trusted to monitor themselves in any way?

An approval of this quarry can only happen if the severe impact of it on the health, safety, and the devaluation of our properties, is completely ignored. I implore you not to permit this quarry and I'll look forward to a response to my questions. You may email me back here or send a notice to Post Office Box 233, Creston, CA

Sincerely,

Nancy Greene
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